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SUBJECT: FNLA-MPLA ENGAGE IN URBAN FIGHTING

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. ON MARCH 23 AND 24 MILITARY ELEMENTS OF FNLA AND MPLA CONFRONTED EACH OTHER IN VARIOUS AREAS WITHIN THE BLACK GHETTOES RINGING LUANDA. IN THE FIRE-FIGHT FNLA ADMITS THREE OF ITS SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BUT HAS DISTRIBUTED PHOTOS SHOWING A HALF DOZEN MPLA POW'S, IT CLAIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED.

2. HARD FACTS ARE PRESENTLY UNATTAINABLE BUT BOTH SIDES HAVE ISSUED BELLICOSE COMMUNIQUE PLACING THE BLAME ON THE OTHER AND SAYING THEY ARE MILITARILY READY FOR WHATEVER MAY COME.

3. AS OF 1200Z MARCH 24 SHOOTING WAS REPORTED IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE CITY, BUT STILL APPARENTLY CONFINED TO THE OUTSKIRTS. THE PORTUGUESE ARMY REPORTEDLY IS ATTEMPTING

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TO RESTORE ORDER.

4. CONGEN OFFICERS WHO MADE TWO TOURS OF THE CITY SO FAR TODAY HAVE NOTED LARGE DISPOSITION OF MPLA TROOPS IN A CORDON OF SEVERAL BLOCKS AROUND THEIR HQ. ONLY FNLA TROOPS SEEN WERE TWO GUARDS AT THEIR HQ. BY LUNCH HOUR NO PORTUGUESE TROOPS WERE ANYWHERE NEAR THE AREA OF THIS MORNINGS REPORTED VIOLENCE.
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